

**Sec. 107.12.** (A) As used in this section, "organization" means a faith-based or other organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as amended, and provides charitable services to needy residents of this state.

(B) There is hereby established within the office of the governor the governor's office of faith-based and community initiatives. The office shall:

(1) Serve as a clearinghouse of information on federal, state, and local funding for charitable services performed by organizations;

(2) Encourage organizations to seek public funding for their charitable services;

(3) Act as a liaison between state agencies and organizations;

(4) Advise the governor, general assembly, and the advisory board of the governor's office of faith-based community initiatives on the barriers that exist to collaboration between organizations and governmental entities and on ways to remove the barriers.

(C) The governor shall appoint an executive assistant to manage the office and perform or oversee the performance of the duties of the office.

(D)(1) There is hereby created the advisory board of the governor's office of faith-based and community initiatives. The board shall consist of members appointed as follows:

(a) The directors of aging, alcohol and drug addiction services, rehabilitation and correction, health, job and family services, mental health, and youth services shall each appoint to the board one employee of that director's department.

(b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint to the board two members of the house of representatives, not more than one of whom shall be from the same political party and at least one of whom shall be from the legislative black caucus. The speaker of the house of representatives shall consult with the president of the legislative black caucus in making the legislative black caucus member appointment. The president of the senate shall appoint to the board two members of the senate, not more than one of whom shall be from the same political party.

(c) The governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and president of the senate shall each appoint to the board three representatives of the nonprofit, faith-based and other nonprofit community.

(2) The appointments to the board shall be made within thirty days after the effective date of this section. Terms of the office shall be one year. Any vacancy

that occurs on the board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

(3) At its initial meeting, the board shall elect a chairperson. The chairperson shall be a member of the board who is a member of the house of representatives.

(E) The board shall do both of the following:

(1) Provide direction, guidance, and oversight to the office;

(2) Publish a report of its activities on or before the first day of August of each year, and deliver copies of the report to the governor, the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, and the president and minority leader of the senate.